



November 30, 2006

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Room 8-B201  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

On behalf of the Orange County (Florida) Office of Public Safety, I am writing to express support for Cyren Call Communications' proposal (FCC RM No. 11348) to build a nationwide, wireless broadband network for public safety. America's first responders and others directly involved with protecting our homeland security must have sufficient spectrum combined with a viable funding source to access the critically necessary wireless communications services and technology.

We have many public safety agencies in Orange County, include the Orange County Fire Department (the 24th busiest fire department in the nation), Orange County Corrections, (the 4th largest jail in the state of Florida), and the Orange County Sheriffs Office. All of these agencies depend on real time access to voice and data service to protect the citizens of our community. As our voice communications system becomes more crowded, it is imperative that we have access to reliable and high speed data service.

I have been informed that we have a unique opportunity to use a contiguous, 30 MHz block of frequencies in the upper 700 MHz band to provide public safety an advanced, nationwide communications network that would be controlled by public safety and harness the economic benefits of a shared public/private partnership with commercial wireless operators. The key elements of Cyren Call's proposal include (1) reallocating the 30 MHz block of frequencies from the planned auction of 700 MHz spectrum to public safety; (2) licensing the 30 MHz of spectrum to a Public Safety Broadband Trust that would control and manage the spectrum, (3) designing a next-generation IP-based nationwide network with extensive terrestrial coverage and satellite capabilities – all built to public safety specifications, (4)

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using private capital to fund a public/private shared network, and (5) enabling commercial operators to use excess capacity on the network, but giving public safety priority access. This proposal is innovative and, for the first time, cohesively resolves the multitude of problems contributing to public safety's communications problems by joining public and private interests.

I urge the FCC Commissioners, Congressional Representatives and other decision-makers in Washington, D.C. to fulfill their obligation to act in the public interest. Time is of the essence and if action is not taken quickly, the frequencies will be auctioned in early 2008 for commercial purposes and this opportunity will be lost forever. Please prioritize public safety by approving Cyren Call's proposal and creating a Public Safety Broadband Trust.

Sincerely,

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